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SUBJECT: ECA REGIONAL PETROLEUM CONFERENCE, TRIPOLI

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1. CONFERENCE OPENED FEB. 2 WITH SPEECH BY PETROLEUM MINISTER MABROUK WHO RECALLED THAT BEFORE REVOLUTION LIBYA HAD BEEN GETTING LESS THAN ONE DOLLAR PER BARREL FOR HER OIL BUT NOW WAS EARNING MORE THAN \$15 PER BARREL ON 70 PERCENT OF OIL AND MORE THAN \$10 ON REMAINDER AND WOULD SOON BE REFINING ALMOST ALL ITS EXPORTS. HE OFFERED TO DEMONSTRATE HOW ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES COULD "SEIZE CONTROL OF THEIR OWN NATURAL RESOURCES FROM IMPERIALISTIC MONOPOLIES" AND SAID LIBYA COULD LEND TECHNICAL HELP AND GUIDANCE TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. SPEECH FOLLOWED BY ONE OF RESPECTED ECA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY R.K. GARDINER WHO STRESSED IMPORTANCE AFRICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES, POINTED OUT THAT AFRICA AS A WHOLE IS NET EXPORTER PETROLEUM AND COMMENTED ON IMPORTANCE OIL TO 20TH CENTURY INDUSTRY,
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PRESENT OIL CRISIS, POSSIBILITY INCREASED GOVERNMENT

INTERVENTION PETROLEUM MATTERS.

3. DELEGATES ELECTED MABROUK CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN AND HEADS OF IVORY COAST AND UGANDA DELEGATIONS AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. HEAD ZAIRE DELEGATION ELECTED RAPPORTEUR.

4. AGENDA ITEMS: CONSIDERATION OF PAPER ON SEDIMENTARY BASINS IN AFRICA AND THEIR HYDROCARBON RESOURCES, CONSIDERATION OF PAPER ON STATUS OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN AFRICA DURING 1960S, CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENT ON PETROLEUM HYDROCARBON PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN AFRICA (FEBRUARY 3); CONSIDERATION OF VIEWS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF AFRICAN PETROLEUM MODEL FORMS FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION AGREEMENTS, CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENT ON OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT AND MARINE POLLUTION, CONSIDERATION OF SUGGESTIONS REGARDING COOPERATION AMONG AFRICAN COUNTRIES FOR HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY, CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENT ON MANPOWER AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN AFRICA IN 1970S (FEBRUARY 4); CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY PARTICIPANTS (FEBRUARY 5, 6, 7); VISIT TO OIL FIELD (FEBRUARY 8); VISIT ZAWIA REFINERY (FEBRUARY 9); FREE (FEBRUARY 10); CONSIDERATION RECOMMENDATIONS WORKING COMMITTEES (FEBRUARY 11); FINAL REPORT AND CLOSING (FEBRUARY 12).

5. LIBYA'S BAN ON SIGNS IN LATIN ALPHABET RELAXED TEMPORARILY IN TRIPOLI FOR BANNERS IN ARABIC AND ENGLISH WELCOMING DELEGATES FOR "FIRST AFRICAN PETROLEUM CONFERENCE" WHICH OPENED IN TRIPOLI FEB. 2. BANNERS PROCLAIMED CONFERENCE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT STEP IN DEVELOPMENT AFRICA'S NATURAL RESOURCES.

6. ADDITION TO AFRICAN DELEGATES, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, SPAIN, UK AND US REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS. OBSERVERS INCLUDED US PETROLEUM UNCLASSIFIED

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